

Committee(s): Dispensations Sub Panel	Dated: 7 July 2022
Subject: Request for a Dispensation under the Corporation's approved Dispensations Policy	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	4, 9,
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	Y/N N/A
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: John Barradell, Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

This report set out details of three Members who have requested a dispensation as detailed below and in the dispensation application forms appended, two of these are resubmissions following a call from the Dispensations Sub Panel for further information.

Recommendation(s)

The Sub-Panel is asked to consider the three applications for a dispensation submitted as summarised below and appended and make recommendations thereon to the Town Clerk.

Main Report

Background

1. Three Members have submitted applications for a dispensation. These applications are submitted in accordance with the current dispensations policy (Appendix 1). The statutory grounds for granting a dispensation under the Localism Act 2011, and the factors that your Sub-Panel should take into account when considering these applications are set out and explained in this policy.

Current Position

2. The full applications for dispensation are appended to this report as Appendices 2-4 and this covering report provides a summary of the dispensations sought.

Proposals

3. Newly elected Common Councillor **Deborah Oliver** represents the Ward of Aldersgate. Her original request for a dispensation to speak and vote on i) the development of London Wall West, ii) the development of the Barbican Arts Centre and iii) the development of the Barbican Podium was considered by the Dispensation Sub Panel which met on 14 June 2022. The Sub Panel indicated that it had insufficient information to enable proper consideration of the application and was therefore unable to make a decision at that time. Determination of the application was consequently adjourned pending the provision of the necessary information.
4. Ms Oliver has now resubmitted the request but has withdrawn her application to speak and vote on the development of the Arts Centre and of the Podium stating that she intends to return with future applications on these when any specific planning applications are submitted. Ms Oliver makes her request as a leaseholder of a flat in Shakespeare Tower in the Barbican. Ms Oliver is currently a member of the Planning and Transportation Committee, the City of London Police Authority Board and the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee. Her request is for a dispensation until the Ward elections in March 2025 and her re-submitted application in full is attached at Appendix 2.
5. **Anett Rideg** is also a newly elected Common Councillor for the Ward of Aldersgate and has requested a dispensation to speak and vote on residential matters as a resident/leaseholder at the Barbican. Ms Rideg makes the request for her full term of office, until Ward elections in March 2025. Ms Rideg is currently a member of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee and the Operational Property and Projects Sub Committee.
6. Again, the original application from Ms Rideg was first considered by the Dispensation Sub Panel which met on 14 June 2022. The Sub Panel indicated that it had insufficient information to enable proper consideration of the application and was therefore unable to make a decision at that time. Determination of the application was consequently adjourned pending the provision of the necessary information. Ms Rideg has now submitted an amended request seeking to both speak and vote on the London Wall West development. Her application form is attached at Appendix 3.
7. **Ian Luder** is an Alderman representing the Ward of Castle Baynard. He has requested a dispensation until 31 March 2023 to speak and vote on any planning application for London Wall West and for the proposed Last Mile Delivery Hub in the London Wall Car Pak.
8. Alderman Luder makes this request as a resident and long leaseholder of 25 Andrewes House which he describes as being 'about 500 meters plus from the application site'.

9. Alderman Luder is currently a member of the Planning and Transportation Committee, the Capital Buildings Board, the Policy and Resources Committee and Community and Children's Services Committee amongst others. His application is attached in full at Appendix 4.
10. Whilst the Town Clerk is able to determine dispensations in respect of requests to:
 - speak and vote on the setting of Council Tax
 - speak as a member of the public on planning applications
 - speak as a member of the public on licensing applications
 - speak on general housing matters

The three requests now submitted fall outside of these parameters and must therefore be considered by this Sub Panel in accordance with the existing policy on the granting of dispensations, with recommendations thereon made to the Town Clerk.

Appendices

Appendix One – Dispensations Policy and Guidance

Appendix Two – Application – Deborah Oliver

Appendix Three – Application – Anett Rideg

Appendix Four – Application – Alderman Ian Luder

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